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Terry Goddard to Testify Before U.S. Senate On Need for Price-Gouging Legislation

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Nov. 7, 2005) Attorney General Terry Goddard will testify Wednesday before a U.S. Senate committee hearing on the need for legislation that protects consumers against price gouging during emergency situations.

Goddard will testify before a joint hearing of the Commerce, Science and Transportation and Energy and Natural Resources committees on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. EST. The committees are convening to hear testimony on energy prices, corporate profits, and the effectiveness of federal and state consumer protection laws.

Goddard's testimony will include comments on the large jump in gasoline prices this year associated with Hurricane Katrina and on Arizona's experience during the Kinder Morgan pipeline break in 2003. Scheduled to speak on the same panel are New Jersey Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster and Federal Trade Commission Chair Deborah Platt Majoras.

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